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## GRUDGINGLY AND SPARSELY GRANTED

As was expected, the strength of Republican discipline carried the tariff conference report through the House, Saturday, but it was only by a close vote—195 to 183, or a majority of but 12. In fact, a motion to recommitt was defeated by a majority of but five. Eighteen Republicans voted against the report, and two Democrats, both from Louisiana, voted for it. In Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Kansas, Illinois, Washington and New York. These with the possible exception of New York, are States which favor revision downward, and the eighteen evidently believe that the conference report either does not so revise or does so insufficiently.

The report is now before the Senate, and Republican discipline will probably force it through that body, as in the House. President Taft will probably consider free hides and oil, with several other reductions, as fulfilling his campaign pledges, and will, therefore, approve the conference report.

It will probably be found, upon a complete analysis of the report, that with a few exceptions it either reduces upward or retains the present high duties. Senator Aldrich, champion of the Senate bill, practically won his case, and his victory would have been complete but for the insistence of President Taft that there should be at least some slight compliance with campaign pledges, aided by the firm adherence of Mr. Payne to a few items of the House bill. Free hides and free oil, and a few reductions of duties, were all that could be secured from the swollen and still greedy beneficiaries of high protection, as represented in the Senate, and these were only secured by the most arduous exertions, coupled with a Presidential threat of calling another special session of Congress if they were not granted.

We gravely doubt any protracted existence of the Aldrich-Payne-Taft tariff. The demand for revision downward is but grudgingly and sparsely granted by it, and this demand will be renewed with even greater force by the Middle-West States. As many times heretofore remarked, this tariff question will not be permanently settled until settled right—that is, upon the principle of "tariff for revenue with only incidental protection."

The reasoning of the Southern Democrats who have voted for protective duties in Congress, is in substance that their section has long labored under the burdens of protection while other sections profited heavily by it, and that it is high time for the South to also fatten at the people's expense.

Ex-Senator Patrick McGovern of Hartford, who was the manager of the Bulkeley campaign in the previous contest, will, it is said, conduct the Senator's candidacy for re-election, and will, in order to be in the midst of the struggle between Bulkeley and McLean, become a member of the House. He is a very keen politician.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Shaw made this prediction in a speech last week: "If Roosevelt, Taft and Bryan were to die to-morrow, the nominee of one party would be William Randolph Hearst and the nominee of the other party would be Robert M. La Follette. And the people of the country would elect William Randolph Hearst." Fortunately there is no immediate probability that the three men named will "go hence" to-morrow or at any early date.

There is a prediction current at Hartford in relation to the public utilities question, that the Senate will pass the Barnum bill, while the House will pass the Chandler-Whitton bill and that then a deadlock between the two branches will ensue. Quite possibly, this is the plan of killing the whole matter, which is favored by the public service corporations, and perhaps also by the Republican managers for it would enable them to shrink a part at least of the responsibility for the failure to enact either measure.

It has developed in the European governmental tests that in the Maxim silencer the elimination of the flash is of equal importance with the noiseless feature. With smokeless powder, there is absolutely no flash. Thus, it will be impossible in battle to locate an enemy using the silencer by either sight or sound. Another fact developed by these tests is that the silencer used on machine guns. Eventually, it will probably be found that it can also be used on heavy artillery in which neither com-

batant could locate the other, if both were hidden by natural obstructions or by artificial masking, would be a very peculiar event.

## HOUSEHOLD NOTES

Tartaric acid may be used to remove skin discolorations. An excellent cleanser for tan leather is a little turpentine on a flannel rag. Olive oil, followed by a brisk after polish, is very good for patent leather shoes.

Salt water is the best and simplest solution known for cleaning willow ware and matting. A green mayonnaise, to be used on a salad of vegetables, may be made by adding topped parsley.

A porcelain tub or sink may be thoroughly cleaned with a flannel dipped in spirits of turpentine.

On meat should never cook less than an hour, and it is much better if left to simmer all night. Fresh chocolate stains should be soaked in lukewarm water, after which they are easily washed out.

Never stand a broom in a corner with a piece of string around the handle and hang it up.

To remove stains and discolorations from tinware, try rubbing with a damp cloth dipped in soda.

Olive and English walnuts ground together and moistened with mayonnaise make a tasty picnic sandwich. Yellow spots on clothing are often due to acid. Try immersing them in a weak solution of ammonia and water.

Wet shoes should be stuffed with paper which will absorb the moisture and prevent the shoes from getting hard.

A sure cure for thirst when water is not handy is derived from holding a dry pebble or button in the mouth.

Summer curtains of a cross stripe are preferable to Swiss, as they keep fresh longer and are easily laundered.

Good black ink, mixed with the color of black kid gloves or shoes.

When ironing have a cake of laundry soap handy. If the iron does not smoothly, rub it lightly on the soap.

For relieving the pain of a sunburn a paste of talcum and cold cream, mixed well together, will be found helpful.

Cold cereals, like the various flakes, are much improved by the addition of fresh fruit with its natural juices.

An application of lemon juice and salt in a good sun exposure is an old and effective remedy for fruit and other kinds of stains.

In washing brown stockings, do not use blue water; this is the reason for getting brown stockings look faded after coming from the wash.

When the asbestos of a gas log becomes blackened, sprinkle it with salt; then light the gas, and the asbestos mineral will soon turn white again.

To avoid tearing sash curtains when passing a rod through their rings, cut the rings at the end of the rod, when they will slip through easily.

When beaten eggs are added to a hot mixture, always pour the mixture into the eggs, beating vigorously the while. This will prevent curdling.

An egg shampoo is easily made that will keep two eggs until all stringiness disappears add the juice of a lemon, and use on the head just as you would soap.

For sleeplessness take a hot bath, then drink a cup of hot milk with a pinch of salt in it. If the desired sleep does not come, repeat after two hours.

If the tops of young turnips are thoroughly cleaned, they can be used with the sliced turnips and be boiled the same as cabbage. They make a very good dish.

If a fine toothed comb is used on the hair, take just a small strand at a time, placing the comb close to the roots and drawing it clear to the end of the strand.

For the picnic luncheon, pineapple, cut into slices, sugared and wrapped in oiled paper will be found to keep well, be easily carried and will be found refreshing.

Always sift flour, powdered sugar, spices, salt, mustard, baking powder, etc., before measuring, because more of the quantity will be used than called for if it is measured first.

When changing sheets and pillow cases, put a little dried lavender leaves in the pillow cases. The leaves can be used over and over and the fragrance is very lasting.

While odds and ends of roast meat may be used for soup, care should be taken never to use any charred pieces as the smallest particle will give an unpleasant flavor.

Broken orris root has more of the odor of violets and is better than the powdered variety. When placed in drawers, it imparts a delicate fragrance to the contents.

A simple and inexpensive pad is the silence cloth which comes for dining room tables. Cut it the desired length and blind with white bias binding. These launder nicely.

An excellent mixture for cleaning steel knives and forks may be made with emery powder and oil. Rub on well and polish, then rub with an oil rag and polish with a clean duster.

Salt is said to be excellent for lusterless hair. Rub well into the roots at night, then tie up in a large hair kerchief or wear a night cap. Brush out the salt in the morning.

A liberal use of hot soda water and a scrubbing brush will insure a clean sink for the tidy housekeeper. If the sink becomes black, a bit of paraffin rubbed on will remove the stain.

To remove grass stains from children's clothes, rub the spots thoroughly with a little fresh lard a short time before washing. Then wash as usual and the spots should come out.

Don't pour water in which cabbage has been boiled down the kitchen sink while it is hot. It is slow to cool first, the unpleasant odor that follows when it is poured will be avoided.

To make ginger and nut sandwiches cut up one part of preserved ginger to two parts of nuts, moisten with syrup and the ginger will be made into an appetizing salad with onions. Cut the two together in thin slices and serve on lettuce leaves with oil and vinegar.

The best complexion cream is buttermilk—several glasses of it drunk every day. Nothing that is smeared on the outside of the face will match it for clearing and brightening the skin.

A charming bed cover can be made of soft, sheer pineapple linen, trimmed with lace beading. Through this run the ribbon and tie in big bows at the corners. The whole can be edged with Valenciennes lace.

Cambrie petticoats will last much longer if a piece of wide tape is stitched hat on the hem of the dust ruffle. This will keep the hem from cutting at the edge and raveling where the skirt first shows signs of wear.

Fruit pears are best marked with labels cut off passepartout ribbon. Use the white, heavily gummed ribbon, and print the name of the fruit in black ink. Thus mistakes as to the contents of the baskets will be avoided.

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## NO AUTO GRAFT FOR JOE CANNON

Washington, Aug. 3.—The purchase of automobiles for the private use of Government officials was made the subject of a severe attack by Mr. Sims of Tennessee during the consideration of the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation bill in the House yesterday. The Senate amendment appropriating \$12,000 for the purchase of vehicles for the Speaker and the Vice-President, as well as other Senate amendments, were later disagreed to.

Mr. Sims criticized the use of automobiles by the Quartermaster's Department of the army, and expressed his conviction that it was an outrage for the Government to provide automobiles for the private use of officials while \$6 and \$12 pensions were being paid to widows of soldiers and the salaries of clerks were being pared down to reduce expenses.

Asserting that the debate on the Senate amendment would afford the House an idea of the attitude of the House on the various amendments, Mr. Tawney asked that the Committee of the Whole disagree to all the amendments on bloc.

Mr. Clayton of Alabama, while agreeing to Mr. Tawney's proposition, said he wanted to know why the provision for a vehicle for the Vice-President specifically named an "automobile," while the provision for the Speaker merely stipulated "carriage or other vehicle."

"Does this mean that we are to provide an aeroplane for the Speaker?" he asked, "or does it mean that the Speaker is to ride around on a motor cycle like the policemen use?"

Mr. Tawney said he would interrogate the Senate conference regarding this and other matters if the bill was sent to conference. No objection being made, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the amendments be disagreed to, and the House adopted the recommendation.

## Prohibition Cuts Government Revenue

Washington, Aug. 3.—The wave of prohibition that has been sweeping over the United States in the last few years cost the Government \$7,641,987.42 in revenue during the fiscal year ended with June 30. The loss is figured from a comparison with the returns from spirits and fermented liquors in the fiscal years preceding.

Of this big sum the heaviest loss was traceable to the decreasing manufacture and use of whiskies. Beer, porter, and other similarly fermented liquors came next in the proportion of loss to revenue to the Government.

In his report to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh the Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Robert Williams, Jr., sets forth some interesting figures. The revenue from whisky fell off more than \$5,500,000.

A peculiarity of the report is that the people of the United States, while throttling thirst, have let their craving for narcotics, apparently go unchecked. The increased revenue from tobacco exceeded \$2,000,000 and the army of cigarette smokers contributed a good proportion of the increased revenue.

An amount paid in as a result of the growth of the habit over last year being \$725,245.30. That the cigarette is supplanting the cigar is shown by the fact that the loss of revenue on cigars over the previous fiscal year was nearly a half million dollars.

In summing up his report Acting Commissioner Williams declares that the losses are attributable to the falling off in consumption of certain commodities. The decrease in distilled spirits consumed exceeds 5,000,000 gallons and in ale and beer nearly 2,500,000 barrels. There are 13,185,350 fewer cigars smoked. On the other hand the cigarette smokers of the country burned up 703,105,065 more cigarettes than in the previous year.

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